

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, All South Dakota entities involved in blindness have come together to promote education, employment and independence of individuals who are blind; and,

Whereas, These entities have collaborated on planning and support of the Focus on Success II conference to promote independence and self sufficiency of all citizens who are blind or visually impaired; and,

Whereas, The collaborating organizations promote awareness of the capabilities of citizens who are blind or visually impaired; and,

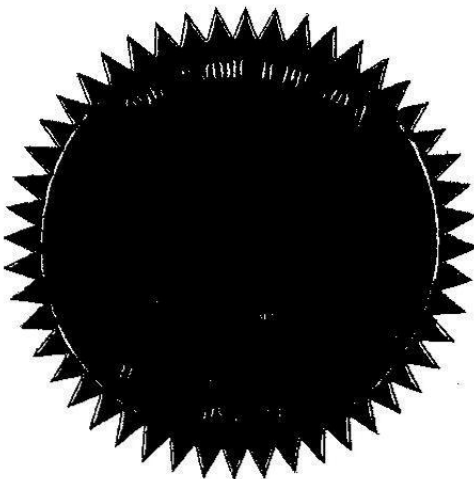
Whereas, The membership of these organizations deserves recognition for their positive image, philosophy, and activities:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 3, 2003, as

BLINDNESS AWARENESS DAY

in South Dakota, and call on all citizens to support the goals and aspirations of these fine organizations that are dedicated to promoting the well-being of all citizens who are blind or visually impaired.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Ch. Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State